

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 3 and 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten as an independent claim incorporating the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 3 and 15 have been rewritten as amended claims 1 and 11 and are therefore allowable. In addition, independent claims 27 and 28 have been amended to recite substantially the same limitations as allowed claims 1 and 11 (albeit as a computer program product and an apparatus, respectively) and are therefore also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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